

CG Station Little Creek Command Philosophy

Safety – The job we do and the environment we work in is inherently dangerous and unpredictable. The safety of everyone is priority one. There are rules and guidelines covering many of the things we do but no rule or guideline can cover everything. We will accomplish our jobs as safely as possible using every tool we have available. As the Officer in Charge, one of the worst things I can think of ever having to do is to have to tell a spouse or parent their loved one is not coming home because we didn't do our job right.

Professional – As members of the Coast Guard and wearing blue, the public considers and sees us all as professionals, no matter if an E2 or an E9. I expect everyone to do their job to the best of their ability. If you strive to do your best then you will be a professional. Don't forget, being a professional does not only apply to just your "work". It applies to many other things such as your appearance and conduct. It applies both on and off duty. We are never truly off "duty" no matter where we are. Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty; there is a reason for it.

Communicate – This is the key to success. The root cause of almost every failure is a lack of or poor communication. Effective communication goes both ways – Speaking and Listening. Everyone at Station Little Creek must communicate both up and down the chain of command no matter the situation. Don't forget, bad news is acceptable, it is just as much a part of our job as good news and no one should ever hesitate to pass something just because it is or may be bad news.

Family – As shipmates onboard this unit, we are a family. We will spend upwards of half of each year working and living together in this station. I fully understand there will be good times and bad times, agreements and disagreements, likes and dislikes. I understand that everyone will not always get along. That is what happens with any family. As a family, I also fully expect everyone will treat each other with dignity and respect. I expect everyone to use the "golden rule" as well as the "grandma rule" (ask me if you don't know them). Nothing less is acceptable. As shipmates and family, we have only each other to rely on to get the job done and come home safely.

Home – Station Little Creek and her small boats are our home away from home. As such, we will keep everything shipshape and clean, inside and out to the very best of our abilities. If we expect our buildings and boats to take care of us in the worst weather and seas, then we have to take care of them. Our unit is a direct reflection of us as professionals and we will show that we are the best!!!

Fun – Everyone should enjoy if not love their job...most of the time. My pledge to you is that I will do my best to make this one of the best jobs in the Coast Guard. You will always have good days and bad days on the job but if you are generally not happy to come to work each day then take stock and reconsider if the Coast Guard is right for you.